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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

4. (Amended) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the monofunctional glycidyl compound (a-2) is selected from the glycidyl ether compounds represented by the following formulae (II), (III) and (IV):

$$CH_2-CH-CH_2-O \longrightarrow (R^1)_n$$
 (II)